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LEUPP MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 19 YEARS FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

PHOENIX— Jerry James George, 71, of Leupp, Ariz, was sentenced here to 236 months in the Bureau of Prisons, by U.S. District Judge Mary H. Murguia.. Mr. George had been found guilty by a federal jury on December 1, 2006 to three counts of Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Minor and one count of Abusive Sexual Contact of a Minor.

The evidence at trial showed that the defendant, then 70, took an eight year old girl in his truck to a remote area near his home in Leupp on the Navajo Indian Reservation. He sexually assaulted her then returned her to her grandmother's home. She told her mother when she was picked up, and a police report was made. The medical testimony indicated that she had physical injuries and the defendant's DNA was found on her body.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Dyanne C. Greer, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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